

# HARDING URGES CONGRESS OUT BEFORE PARLEY

Administration Fears Effect of Unbridled Criticism on Foreign Delegates.

## FLAN MEETS OPPOSITION

Curry by Leaders Shows Strong Sentiment Against Hurried Adjournment.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Service.

President Harding has quietly informed Administrative leaders in Congress that it would be pleasing to both the White House and the State Department if Congress will complete the remaining work of the special session during October and stand in adjournment by November 11, the date set for the powers to assemble in Washington to discuss limitation of armament and avoidance of war in the Pacific.

Neither the President nor the Secretary of State it was learned last night, views with favor the continuance of Congress while the permanent conference is sitting. They frankly fear the embarrassment may be caused by the American delegation by unrestricted utterances at the conference or on delicate international matters on the floors of Congress.

## Sounded on Adjournment.

In accordance with the wishes of the President and Secretary Hughes, Administration leaders in Congress today conducted a quiet canvass of sentiment among members now in Washington toward adjournment.

The results obtained were anything but favorable and after a survey of the situation it was concluded that the wishes of the executive branch should be complied with.

## "Explanations" Not Uncommon.

Even in normal times, the State Department has, on occasion, found it necessary to explain to ruffled diplomats that the opinions heard in debate in Congress are not necessarily the opinions held by the Government.

## TO HOLD MASS MEETING

A mass meeting for Roman Catholic men will be held at the Catholic University gymnasium Wednesday night. The affair will be held in connection with the convention of the National Council of Catholic Men.

## Irish Mayor to Speak.

Stephen O'Mara, mayor of Limerick, Ireland, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the five "Washington Council of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at Gonzaga Hall.

# 5-Cent Piece of Pie Is Back for Congressmen

A NEW \$10,000 House restaurant has been prepared for House members to insure a 5-cent piece of pie.

Before the recess of the House there was a storm of protest in the House and among House members over old H. C. L. as represented in prices charged members in the House restaurant in the Capitol.

The 10-cent cut of pie and the 10-cent glass of milk aroused the ire of members.

During the recess the House restaurant was given a thorough overhauling. New concrete flooring was laid, new stoves and kitchen utensils were provided, rats and other undesirable members were chased out, and the restaurant was given a cleaning and a new coat of paint.

The contract manager of the restaurant yesterday received notice to quit. The House will run its own restaurant to insure economy and efficiency. The House Committee on Accounts, Chairman Ireland, is in command.

# VOLUME DEDICATED TO JOHN JOY EDSON

Friends Publish Book on Recent Testimonial to Local Philanthropist.

As a further testimonial to John Joy Edson, banker, philanthropist, and leading Washington civic worker, the committee of friends who gave him a magnificent testimonial banquet in celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday, on May 17 last, have had published an elaborate volume giving the proceedings at the dinner and the events leading up to it.

The book gives in full the addresses made on that occasion by George E. Hamilton, Edwin C. Brandenburg, Associate Justice William R. Day, Theodore W. Noyes, Thomas S. Hopkins, Justice Wendell P. Stafford, Joseph H. DeFrees, Gilbert Grosvenor, Elliott H. Goodwin, Dr. David Jayne Hill, Judge Martin A. Knapp, and Prof. George M. Kober.

The volume opens with a brief account of the meeting at which the dinner was planned and the committee appointed to complete arrangements, and with the letters of invitation and acceptance, and closes with reproductions of newspaper accounts.

## PAY OF WAREHOUSE WATCHMEN REDUCED

A reduction in the salaries of warehouse agents who act as watchmen in the various Government bonded warehouses was announced last night by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

The annual salary of the agents has been reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,200. The difference will be applied in the employment of additional prohibition agents. As 360 agents are involved, it is estimated that the annual saving will be \$108,000.

# FREENEASY FILM CO. PRESENTS



# CALLS FOR MORE WIRE INSPECTORS

Engineer Hadley Sees Danger in Hasty Work Done by Inadequate Force.

Perfunctory inspection of electric wiring in new dwellings throughout the District, resulting from a shortage of field inspectors, is today actually welcoming the dangers District Commissioners would seek to dodge through more extensive education in the art of fire prevention.

Inspectors now engaged in handling the daily work of the electrical department of the District, under the supervision of Warren B. Hadley, electrical engineer, are inspecting an average of ten buildings each day, "an excessive number to permit proper inspection," according to Hadley.

The growing average of distances from base, the growing complexity of installations, the tremendous growth in the use of household appliances, and the tendency to apply and use these in ways involving hazard, the war-time effect on the average of skill, competency and morals of workmen of the industry, are reasons for the growing complexity of the problem.

Despite the District's share in the national slump in building operations, there was in 1920 an increase of more than a hundred permits issued, over the unprecedented number of the preceding year. Fees paid the collector of taxes totaled \$11,925. The number of inspections recorded were 16,170, as compared with those of the previous year, totaling 14,965. The figures show increases above the 1920 period, but those of 1920 showed phenomenal increases over the next preceding year.

For the second successive year the annual report of Engineer Hadley requests additions to the inspection staff. "An increase of personnel and further help as to compensation are necessary to the maintenance of service on a proper standard of efficiency," he declares. Inspectors previously were paid \$1,200, but during the past year have been paid \$1,350 per year.

## PRESIDENT WILL VIEW 'BATTLE OF WILDERNESS'

President Harding, Vice President Coolidge, and a distinguished party of official Washington will be witnesses to the battle of the "Wilderness," to be staged by marines from Quantico on the old civil war battlefields in Virginia the latter part of September, it was announced today.

Other officials will be the Secretary of the Navy, the commandant of the Marine Corps, Maj. Gen. John A. Le June, and other high army and navy officers.

The maneuvers will be staged by Brig. Gen. Smedley Butler, commandant of the marine forces at the Quantico base. They will occupy several days, during which the phases of the historical campaign will be fought under modern conditions with the newest weapons. Bombing attacks on the ground, and anti-aircraft defense demonstrations will be features.

## INDICT HEAD OF COURT FOR CANING WITNESS

POINT PLEASANT, Va., Sept. 17.—William Jividen, president of the Mason county court, was indicted by the grand jury here for assault and battery in connection with an alleged attack upon A. L. Ottill, well known real business man of this city.

Jividen is alleged to have struck Ottill over the head with his cane in front of Roush's garage early last summer. The trouble is said to be the result of Ottill's testimony before the grand jury last June with reference to transactions between the county court and I. W. LaRue, contractor, who is under indictment for alleged fraud in connection with the highway paving in this county.

# BALEFOUR TO BE BRITISH ACE AT ARMS PARLEY

Hapgood Says Bonar Law, Evans, and Lord Lee Will Complete Delegation.

By NORMAN HAPGOOD.

Although it is still too early to be sure whom England will send over to represent her at Washington on November 11, the rumored list is likely to be correct.

While only in one respect it is brilliant, it is well-balanced and well-equipped. Mr. Balfour and Lord Lee will represent the two departments concerned in disarmament.

This state is as follows: Arthur Balfour, Andrew Bonar Law, Wellington Evans, Lord Lee of Fereham.

## Balfour An Able Diplomat.

Mr. Balfour is looked upon as the ablest diplomat, outside of the prime minister, that the British possess. He is not so notable for policies as he is for the shrewdness and agility with which he conducts a case already agreed upon.

In fencing, in debating, in those qualities that make a negotiator, he is the best of the best. He is the English possessor, outside of Mr. Lloyd George, who has his hands full running all the other troubles of the British Empire and could scarcely be expected to do more.

Mr. Bonar Law has had comparatively little to do with public affairs since he left the cabinet several months ago, giving health as his reason.

Mr. Bonar Law had become the floor leader of the conservative party, or the Liberal Unionist, as it is called, before the coalition was formed. He proved painstaking and scrupulous in the technical details of the English like, and when he entered the Coalition during the war it was to hold the conservative strength and represent Mr. Lloyd George on the floor.

## To De Lion's Share.

It is a fair guess that Mr. Bonar Law will do the bulk of the routine work for the British government at Washington, with Balfour furnishing the strategy.

Mr. Evans represents the War Department and Lord Lee the navy. They would presumably be selected merely for technical details and for participation in general policies.

This list leaves untouched the question of the colonies. A good deal of ignorant comment has been printed on this aspect of the conference, and it is a question of voting concerned, as there was at Paris.

It makes no difference how many delegates, or how many delegations, are sent. The general cause, however, would gain, and the point of view of the United States would be strengthened, as Canada, the strongest of the colonies, showed at the London conference in June and July a desire to support us where our interests came into conflict with those of Japan.

South Africa also showed sympathy with the United States, and if she should send General Smuts the liberal element, now weak, would be decidedly strengthened.

The four American delegates are all conservatives, though Mr. Hughes is a progressive conservative. Senator Lodge is opposed to almost everything the conference is called to accomplish. Mr. Root, like Mr. Hughes, although a conservative, is second to none in his devotion to better foreign relations.

## Conservatives in Command.

It is unfortunate that Mr. McLaughlin, the prime minister of Canada, will be unable to attend, even if the colonies are represented, since he has an election on his hands in his record. Every one would follow the purposes that the United States Government has in view.

With Senator Borah, the main cracker of the conference, not on it, the whole responsibility for success, as far as this country is concerned, is left with the conservative wing of the Republican party.

This is really just as well. The progressive Republicans and the Democrats will have no role except in case of failure, and in that case they will combine to inflict the penalty.

## PREACHER WALLOPS JUDGE WITH SERMON AND FISTS

DALTON, Ga., Sept. 17.—When the Rev. Cecil Smith, a Baptist minister here, said in a sermon on moonshining that no wonder Judge Tarver, of the local Superior Court was not looking into illicit liquor sales very much, because he had enough in his den for his own supply, the Judge resented it, and went after the Rev. Smith with a two-inch, the Rev. Smith hit Judge Tarver a resounding wallop, emphasizing his charge about the whisky. The Judge went down for the count.

He later swore out a warrant for the preacher, who was brought before the mayor, and fined for disorderly conduct. The fine was later remitted.

All Dalton is divided on the case, and a political issue is likely to develop.

# Bridegroom, Hit By Train, Bites Off His Tongue

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Sept. 17. FRANK WHEELER, of Dexter, N. Y., who married Miss Edith Benson yesterday afternoon, was hit by a train and bit off part of his tongue when starting on his honeymoon trip.

The bridal couple were followed to the station in Oswego by a group of friends, who tossed old shoes, confetti, and rice at them just as the train pulled in. Wheeler, in dodging a shoe, slipped and fell on the track.

The locomotive tossed him back on the platform, where he landed on his chin. His tongue was between his teeth and about half of it was bitten off.

Surgeons in the Oswego Hospital sewed it together, but do not believe it will stay.

# HIKES 85,000 MILES IN 8-YEAR JOURNEY

J. F. Belland, Who Defies Work and the 13 Hoodoo, Still on His Travels.

J. F. Belland has found Washington a good place to walk away from—but he can't say that he has been more satisfied with any other spot he has thus far visited than he was with the Capital City.

J. F. hiked away from Pennsylvania avenue and Thirteenth street northwest more than eight years ago, and after covering more than 85,000 miles, he is still putting one foot ahead of the other in response to his craving for travel.

When he left Washington he defied the influence of the mysterious figure "13."

His starting day was May 13, 1912. His starting point was Thirteenth street. He left at 9:13 a. m. In his pocket were thirteen cents upon he had determined to make his way around the world. The stunt was to be done without working, begging, stealing, borrowing or in any way soliciting contributions. Some men!

The other day Belland walked down the main street of Pittsfield, Mass., heading for Connecticut, the only state of the Union he has not yet visited.

His eight-year-journey has taken him to every province in Canada, every state in Mexico, Central and South America, Panama, and the West Indies. His next big jump will be from New Orleans to Capetown, South Africa. Thereafter he will visit the Holy Land, Siberia, Russia and China.

## Only \$87,337.06 In Estate.

The estate was then shown to be badly cut by debts. With all liabilities deducted from assets, some of which assets were at the time considered as doubtful assets, the balance of the estate totaled \$87,337.06.

Personal liabilities of \$43,629.39, and overdue income tax payments totaling \$17,634.37, making all personal debts \$61,263.76, were reported at that time. This left but slightly over \$87,000.

Dry Agents Shaken Up IN VICINITY OF NORFOLK

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 17.—Failure to capture rum-running ships and leakage of official plans that caused contemplated raids to prove water-hauls is said to have led to a general shakeup in Federal prohibition enforcement officers in this section.

H. V. Shuart, heretofore regarded as one of most valuable men in locating and destroying stills, has been removed from office. Fred A. Krenzel, of Richmond, has been named to succeed him.

Shuart was in charge of a large force of Federal dry agents and led scores of raids in Princess Anne and Norfolk counties where moonshining is conducted on a large scale.

## Gen. Foch Coming to V. M. I.

LEXINGTON, Va., Sept. 17.—Marshal Foch and General Fayot, of France, are expected to visit Lexington this fall to address the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute.

# OYSTER'S WIDOW BEGINS BATTLE TO SMASH WILL

(Continued from First Page.) fine hosiery, forty handkerchiefs, eleven hats, five waists, four gowns, unnumbered pieces of expensive lingerie, two fans, four sweaters, and twelve pairs of gloves.

On the day of her marriage to Mr. Oyster, according to the shop's statement, made minor purchases totaling nearly \$3.50, and a few days before their departure for the honeymoon trip to Florida, nearly \$400 more.

The influx of bills against the Oyster estate, based on the statement of Commissioner James F. Oyster, brother of the dairyman, made at the time of his brother's death, at which the girl bride was not present.

## \$30,000 for Florida Trip.

Thirty thousand dollars was the minimum set by Mr. Oyster as the price of the tropical trip reported to have been originally planned by Mr. Oyster as a mid-winter trip and not as a honeymoon.

"Mr. Oyster has suggested to Miss Ready that she should join the Southern trip, her mother, sister, or friend to act as chaperon," was Commissioner Oyster's version.

"Her coming to Washington was merely for the purpose of planning the trip, but it ended in the wedding and a family honeymoon at Florida resorts. Miss Ready came to Washington without a proper wardrobe, and through generosity my brother immediately sought to outfit her completely."

## "Burned Up the Town."

"Together, after the wedding, they 'burned up the town,' buying her wearing apparel. He spent thousands at exclusive Washington shops purchasing her pretty things—\$250 worth of gloves, \$300 worth of shoes—which shows how lavish he was in serving her wishes."

"Then came the Florida trip, in which the couple were joined by Miss Ready's mother and sister. Down there she saw additional things she wanted, and for these my brother spent another \$1,500."

With the filing of items in the petition for sequestration, the Oyster will early last May, Mrs. Oyster was faced with the first fairly definite indication that she might be fortunate to secure the \$25,000 allowed her by the court, which she now charges, if actually executed by her husband, was prepared under undue influence or under duress when he lacked testamentary capacity to execute the document.

## Only \$87,337.06 In Estate.

The estate was then shown to be badly cut by debts. With all liabilities deducted from assets, some of which assets were at the time considered as doubtful assets, the balance of the estate totaled \$87,337.06.

Personal liabilities of \$43,629.39, and overdue income tax payments totaling \$17,634.37, making all personal debts \$61,263.76, were reported at that time. This left but slightly over \$87,000.

Assuming that this balance was personal property, Mrs. Oyster could recover her \$25,000 legacy and claim one-half, but included as assets of the business partnership is an item of \$87,111, representing buildings on property and leases which expire in 1924, threatening loss. The court may hold that buildings under such conditions cannot be considered assets.

The inventory of which the Oyster personal living quarters at the Wardman Park Inn has been completed and the widow is no longer an occupant of the elaborate suite.

## Gen. Foch Coming to V. M. I.

LEXINGTON, Va., Sept. 17.—Marshal Foch and General Fayot, of France, are expected to visit Lexington this fall to address the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute.

## J. M. Gidding & Co.

1510 H St. N. W. Opposite Shoreham Hotel

### Announce

# An Informal Display

of

## Distinctive Apparel from Paris

and with original designs from our Fifth Ave. workrooms

GOWNS : SUITS : COATS  
DAY AND EVENING WRAPS  
MILLINERY : BLOUSES : FURS

## How Are Your Teeth?

Many serious ailments have their beginning in the mouth. Doctors tell you that if you wish to cure indigestion, rheumatism, and many other troubles you must find the cause. And it is an established fact that teeth troubles cause a wide variety of bodily troubles.

Have your teeth been examined lately? We make no charge for dental inspection.

Open every evening until 6 o'clock.

## DR. FITZGERALD, Dentists

Established 20 Years

433 9th St. N. W. Just Above Garden Theater

## AMITIE CLUB WILL GIVE "INVITATION DANCE"

The Amitie Club will give an "invitation dance" for the benefit of the organization the night of Wednesday, September 28.

Last Wednesday night the club received fourteen new members. Following the business meeting an "Amitie skit" was given by Miss Margaret Costello, Adolph J. Fugitt, Sterling G. Ansley and Miss Margaret Ganey.

## IONIC CLUB OF MASONS TO VISIT ALEXANDRIA

Members of the Ionic Club of Master Masons of the Treasury Department will visit the Washington-Alexandria Lodge in Alexandria Thursday night, when the Master Mason degree will be conferred.

In addition to the conferring of the degree, a lecture will be given on the relics of George Washington, who was master of the lodge.

## FRANCE HAD ONLY 183 MILLIONAIRES IN 1920

PARIS, Sept. 18.—France is the poorest country on earth, according to income tax returns published recently, which among other astonishing things state:

There are only 183 millionaires in all France. Four-fifths of the population boasts incomes lower than \$2,000 a year. The total French income amounts only to 11,859,000 francs.

## JOSEPH SPERLING Fur Sale

FURRIER

For the benefit of our many friends who through absence and other reasons have been unable to participate in our Big Money-Saving August Sale, we have decided to continue this event for a few weeks longer, offering the same marked reductions on high grade furs.

Hudson Seal Coats Skunk Collar & Cuffs \$225 to \$275	Natural Muskrat Coats Plain and Trimmed \$135 to \$250	Fox Scarfs Very Fine Felt \$25 to \$75
-------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------

1336 F Street N. W.  
Importer and Manufacturer. Phone Main 3936

## FLOWERS

From Gude Bros.—because they're always fresh cut—fragrant—and they're moderately priced, too.

## Gude Bros. Co.

FLORISTS AND FLORAL DECORATIONS

1214 F Street N. W.  
Phones: Main 4277-78-79  
Franklin 6354

Cable Address—"Gude"  
Members Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association.